

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the responses filed Dec 31, 2003 and Mar 22, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                      |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance             |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 was allowed because the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the total combination claimed for a disk adapter attached to an optical disk label printer, including a first adapter half and a second adapter half, wherein one of the adapter halves is movable relative to the other adapter half in accordance with a movement of a disk pushing member, wherein in a state where the disk tray is ejected from the printer main body, the one of the adapter halves is moved by the disk pushing member in a direction that the one of the adapter halves goes away from the other adapter half, whereby a disk-disposing space is formed between the adapter halves.

Claim 18 was allowed because the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the total combination claimed for a disk adapter attached to an optical disk label printer, wherein the first adapter half and the second adapter half are pivotably connected at one side thereof, wherein in a state where the disk tray is ejected from the printer main body, the second adapter half is rotated by the disk pushing member so that the second adapter half goes away from the first adapter half, whereby a disk-disposing space is formed between the adapter halves.

Claim 19 was allowed because the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the total combination claimed for a disk adapter comprising a first adapter half and a second adapter half, wherein one of the adapter halves includes means for moving relative to the other adapter half in accordance with a movement of a disk pushing member, so that in a state where the disk tray is ejected from the printer main body, the one of the adapter halves is moved by the disk

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pushing member in a direction that the one of the adapter halves goes away from the other adapter half, whereby a disk-disposing space is formed between the adapter halves.

Claim 21 was allowed because the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the total method claimed, including the steps of ejecting the disk tray from the main body such that one of the adapter halves is moved in a direction that the one of the adapter halves goes away from the other adapter half, whereby a disk-disposing space is formed between the adapter halves, and inserting the disk tray into the main body such that one of adapter halves is moved in a direction that the one of adapter halves approaches the other adapter half, whereby the optical disk is held by and between the adapter halves.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dave A Ghatt whose telephone number is (571) 272-2165. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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